

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-10, 12, 13, and 15-20 remain active in this application, Claims 3-10, 12, 13 and 15-20 having been amended and Claims 1, 2, 11 and 14 canceled by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action Claims 1-14 were objected to as including informalities requiring correction; Claim 6 was rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-14 and 16-20 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Savithri et al (U.S 2003/0079191), and Claims 3, 4 and 15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise were indicated as including allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that Claims 3, 4 and 15 include allowable subject matter. Accordingly, to expedite issuance of a patent from the present application, Claims 3, 4 and 15 have been rewritten in independent format to include all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 2, 11 and 14 have been cancelled. Claims 5-10, 12, 13 and 16-20 have been rewritten to overcome the objections thereto and the rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. No new matter has been added.

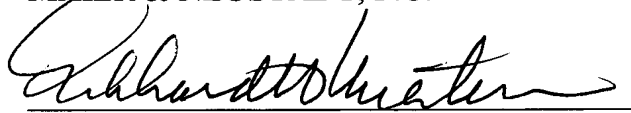
Consequently, in view of the indication of allowable subject matter, and in view of the present amendment as above discussed, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and

pending Claims 3-10, 12, 13 and 15-20 are believed to be in condition for formal allowance.

An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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